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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, December, 20.
We are glad to say that all continues quiet in Wuchow. Rumours are quite sufficient to disturb us without anything worse. The last few days things have been more settled than for some time, the surrounding districts are, however, in a dreadful state, and in many of the villages it must be a veritable reign of terror. At Lung Tsan, about 20 miles from Wuchow, one of Messrs Banker's motor boats was attacked by pirates. The pilot was shot in the leg and severely injured, with the result that he lost control of his ship which got on the rocks and is now badly submerged. There were a number of Chinese foreign drilled soldiers on board who gave chase to the pirates and killed about eight of them. The British gunboat Robin is standing by the injured boat.

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Some time ago a case of "extraordinary degradation" was reported from some European village, says an American paper. Two peasants who had wedded of their respective spouses and were yearning for the change that is said to be as good as a rest, arranged to meet over a social glass of beer and to exchange wives. The compact was duly carried out and every one was satisfied except some officious policeman who arrested the interesting quartet and hauled them before a magistrate. The defence of the men was ignorance. They believed that they were entitled to exchange wives, and such a proof of ignorant depravity was supposed to be worth a cable message. Of course we all held up our hands in horror and said something appropriate about our own virtues.
Now here is another story, and this time from New York. Mrs. Speedick secured a divorce from her husband for good and sufficient reasons not wholly unconnected with a lady named Giffin who promptly married Mr. Speedick as soon as a sufficient line had cleared the track. It is now stated that Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Speedick, who only met after the two divorces had been granted, have fallen in love and are to be married at once. But there is no talk of depravity here or of a melancholy survival of medieval ignorance. And yet the results were precisely the same. It was a simple case of an exchange of wives, and it would almost seem that the European peasants had good sense upon their side, seeing that they managed their little negotiations over a glass of beer that was both cheaper and more palatable than a double lawsuit.

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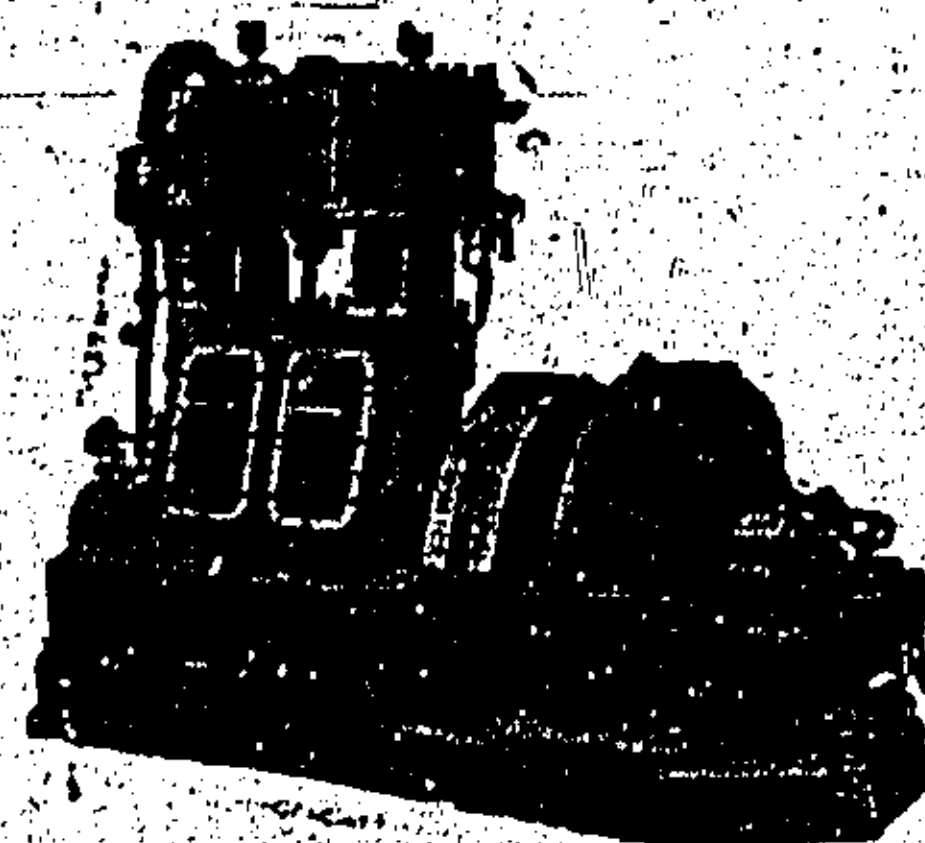
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SHANGHAI REPORT.
Messrs. Vonmand and Smith in their weekly share report dated Dec. 22nd state—
The market for local stock has ruled fairly active during the past week and rates in several instances show further improvement. "Rubbers" in London remain about the same as last quoted with but little business passing locally. Fine Hard Para Rubber is quoted by wire to-day at 43 per lb. buyers. Bar Silver closed at 23 1/2 dull, and Sterling exchange at 1/10 1/2. Shanghai T.T. has receded to 7 1/4. The Bank of England rate of discount is unchanged at 4 per cent and the open market rate at 3 1/2 per cent.
Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have improved to 380 1/2 with sales and small buyers at the close; the London rate is unchanged at 230.
Marine Insurance.—Unions are wanted at 3820 but no shares are available under an advance. Cautions are a firm market with buyers at \$138 and no shares obtainable under \$100. Yangtze are slightly firmer in the North with sales and buyers at \$212 1/2 at 73.
Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fire has been done at \$355; and Chongwat 3127 and 1128 market closing firm with buyers at the latter rate.
Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been the medium of fair sales at \$27 at which rate the market closes with buyers. Indo-China (combined) have sold at \$80 and \$81 closing with probable sellers at the latter rate. Douglases are quiet at \$21 and China Mail at \$10; the latter with probable buyers. Star Ferry can be placed at \$27; and \$17 for old and new issues, and Shell Transporters at \$11.
Refineries.—China Sugars after touching \$120 declined rapidly to \$100 at which rate, and \$101, a fair business has been put through, market closing with buyers at \$100. Luzzos after sales at \$204 close quiet at \$30.
Mining.—A small lot of Charbonnages changed hands at \$995. Reubs are in request at \$23 at which rate the market is firm. Tronohs have been booked at 53 1/2 and 57 1/2 and the dividend of 2 1/2 per share just declared, market closing at 59 1/2. Middle price Chinese Engineerings are unchanged at Tls. 14 and without local business.
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked at the reduced rate of \$45; and more shares are wanted. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves after further sales at \$50 close easier with sellers at \$54. New Amoy Docks continue in request at \$7 without attracting sellers. Shanghai Docks are quoted at Tls. 57 and Shanghai Hongkong Wharves at the reduced rate of Tls. 59.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$102 and \$100 closing with buyers at the latter rate. Kowloon Lands have sold at \$30, and Humphreys Estates at \$24 with probable buyers of the latter at \$24. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$119, and \$75 for old and new respectively. Shanghai Lands have declined to Tls. 95.
Cotton Mills.—Hongkong continue on offer at \$44 but no sales have transpired. In the North Eros have declined to Tls. 90, but otherwise quotations are unchanged.
Miscellaneous.—Campbell Moores have advanced to \$15 buyers. Comments have been done at \$34 and close quiet. Ropes have been booked at \$18. Providents at \$84, Watson's at \$44 and \$5, and Union Water Docks at \$74. Ices, after the close of our last, fell rapidly to \$19 1/2 the lowest point touched, but quickly recovered with sales at intervening rates up to \$250, market now closing with a sale at \$210 and probable buyers at the rate. Langkats are firmer with buyers in the North at Tls. 36.
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SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS
AT 4 P.M.

the Christmas message ringing upon straining ears, and with the probable surging up of the joyous optimism which the occurrence of the great festival should bring in its train, we cannot bring ourselves to write that it is thus with the world. Perhaps it is that our courage is at a lower ebb, that our faith is temporarily dampened, and our vision obscured through having been brought into close personal contact of late with the industrial and social troubles in England and with the revolution in China. It may be so.

At any rate the Christmas message should come this year to many of us with an added impressiveness. It reminds us how very far we are to-day from realising the ideals of Christmas; how very far short we have fallen in any attempt we ever made to realise them. At the same time we hold that it is well for the world that this all embracing festival should be observed as a red letter day in the calendar, for it gives us an opportunity to review the situation as a whole, enables us to call a halt, even if nothing else, to the influences which lead to disintegration of faith, hope and charity in the individual as well as in the mass, and to summon back into the forefront of our thoughts those principles and mainstays of action which tend to the betterment of the world singly and collectively. We would therefore, despite all the forebodings engendered by the circumstances of the time, like to end this evening upon this note and say with the poet of an earlier generation, "Back into night, ye leading powers of dark! A brighter dawn is breaking in the sky, A better faith is bringing in the morn, A larger light is bringing in the day."

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1911.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Before the *China Mail* is again issued from the press the great festival of Christmas will have come and gone. Here in this distant outpost of the British Empire it will be celebrated much as usual by the exiles who have made this Colony their home or who but use it as a place of temporary sojourn. As far as possible the customs of the old country will be followed: the churches will be thronged with reverent worshippers, who will thrill half in pain, half in pleasure, as the old familiar hymns and carols are sung; hospitality will be extended with lavish hand, and thought will be given to those who through the accidents or misfortunes of life have not come out of the struggle so well as some of their neighbours.

The festival of peace and brotherhood falls this year with the world in a very distracted condition and for many thousands we fear the Christmas message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," will sound a rather hollow mockery. In some respects a golden year, a year of Jubilee, with the Coronation of KING GEORGE as the central pagan, it has been for many a year of great storm and stress. Capital and labour have come to grips more than once in the British Isles, and much unmerited suffering has been inflicted in consequence of bitterly fought-out strikes. Indeed, to-day's telegrams indicate that in the industrial centres of England and Scotland it is likely, owing to labour troubles, to be a "black Christmas." In the basin of the Mediterranean, Italy and Turkey are to-day fighting for the possession of Tripoli; in Asia it looks as though the storm so long brewing in Persia is about to break; while the ultimate outcome of the upheaval in China no man at the moment can foretell. The world's cup of misery has indeed been brimming over of late through man's inhumanity to man, and it would be well if we could say that the worst has been reached and that brighter times now lie ahead. But even with

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Little Chinese boys were playing cricket on "Beech" site to-day. A stone block constituted the cricket.

The invincibles and later types of similar ships, now known as cruiser-battle-ships, are to be renamed "battle-cruisers."

Tenders are being invited for erecting granite piers and iron railings in Royal Square. No work is to be permitted on Sundays.

The Mocklenburg Diet has imposed on bachelors, who are not liable to provide for relatives, taxes 25 per cent. above those which husbands have to pay.

To-day the Chinese have been celebrating the festival of the Winter Solstice, or, as it is popularly known at the Treaty ports, "Chinese Christmas."

The services at St John's Cathedral on Christmas Day begin with Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. (choral), with Matins at 11 a.m., preacher, the Bishop of Victoria.

Inside a codfish weighing about 50 lbs. a housekeeper at the Queenstown Constabulary Barracks, the other day found a purse of leather, stool bound, containing a number of silver coins of the reign of Queen Victoria. Some inscribed paper in the purse was in a state of pulp, and could not be deciphered.

Yesterday a salt junk which arrived at Yau-mai reported to the police there that while in Chinese waters at Ping Ho, near Swatow, four boatloads of pirates, numbering about 60 men, came alongside, fired at the crew, killing one man, and then came on board, and ransacked the craft. They took all they could lay hands on and then made off.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Several local people are mentioned in our list of "Passengers Expected."

Having left the Colony, Gunner R. B. Beattie has been permitted to resign from the Artillery Company of the Hongkong Volunteers.

Recent recruits to the Scouts Company of the Hongkong Volunteers are Messrs. S. B. R. McElderry, G. R. Sayer and N. L. Smith.

Lt. Col. J. M. Irwin, R.A.M.C., has been appointed to the Straits Settlements in relief of Col. H. J. Barratt, A.M.S., recently promoted to that rank.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

From Capt. Philip Going, Hon. Agent in Hongkong, we have received the Quarterly report of the Mercantile Marine Service Association.

The Palace Theatre, Mount Austin, announce a grand variety entertainment at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on January 13th, when some fine ballet dances are promised.

A Children's entertainment will be given at the Theatre Royal on Thursday, 11th January, commencing at 4 p.m. Seats for the Dress Circle may be booked at Moutrie's.

The Yokohama A.D.C. have just given a most successful performance of "Les Cloches de Corneville," with Mr. G. G. Brady in the role of Gaspard the miser, and Mrs. H. A. Stewart as Germaine.

Fung Sai, master of the steam launch Cheung Wo, was fined \$5 by Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, for lying alongside the Yuen On wharf in such a manner as to cause an obstruction to the Southern Ferry.

A special Choral Service will be held at St. Peter's Church, West Point, at 6.30 tomorrow evening; to be followed by an Organ Recital by Mrs. W. E. Tibbs. On Christmas morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30, and Morning Service will commence at 11.

As there is some doubt in German circles as to whether on Sunday, Dec. 24th, the usual Christmas Eve service will be held in the German Chapel, Pastor Mueller asks us to announce that besides the service on board the German gunboat Jaguar, the service in the German Chapel will be held at 4.30 p.m. On Christmas day the service will be held at 11 o'clock, on Saturday at 5 p.m., and on New Year's Day at 11 o'clock, all in the German Chapel.

The term of office of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock as representative of the Justices of the Peace upon the Legislative Council expires on January 19th, and he has expressed his willingness to stand again. In the event of another Justice of the Peace being nominated a meeting of the Justices other than Government officials will be held in the Land Office, Supreme Court Building, on Monday, the 8th of January, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for the purpose of electing a representative upon the Council. Nominations close on Dec. 28th.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

I can hardly realise that Christmas is really upon us. But the plethora of the shop windows, the month-old Christmas Numbers, and above all the arrival of the Christmas Mail from England, with its plum puddings and mince-pies, are sufficient evidence that the glad season is here. Well, I hope all my readers will thoroughly enjoy the great festival, and in the words of the time-honoured toast, "May digestion wait on appetite and health on both."

I quite agree with Mr. Clementi that the time is ripe for a change in the Colony's badge. Anything more inartistic than the design that has so long done duty could hardly be conceived. Of course it was evolved in those dark ages which we now know as the early Victorian. Hence the figures on the badge and the samples of merchandise. For in those days men in England still thought that trade in foreign countries was always conducted close to the water's edge and on the system of exchange and barter, while their ideas of Chinese landscape were principally drawn from the willow-petard plate.

The new badge should, I think, meet with general approval. It is artistic, appropriate, and has just that literary touch about it which makes the design eminently fitting as an emblem of a British colony situated just outside the confines of the Chinese empire.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has come and gone—Shanghai—perhaps will find him more loquacious than did the Hongkong journalists who tried to interview the great reformer. To begin with he will find himself amid congenial surroundings, for in the northern port are gathered all the leading republicans of China. And that same republican party seems to be growing in strength daily and at the time of writing it looks very much as if the prognostications of a Peking correspondent at the outset of the revolution will be borne out—that the struggle will really be between the royalist north and a republican south. Yuan Shih-kai says he won't concede a republic; the Cantonese say they will have a republic or nothing.

Altogether it looks as though the peace conference will not achieve much, for unless one side or the other gives way, the question will not be fought out by the sword and not by the diplomats. It will be a thousand pities if some sort of a compromise is not arrived at. For what with the famine in Central China and the brigandage that is now proceeding on wholesale lines throughout the empire, prospects in China look particularly dismal at present. The only consolation is that it is always darkest before the dawn and perhaps we are really closer to better times than we wot of.

But whether China goes in for a republic or a limited constitutional monarchy, one thing she does badly want and must have, and that is a strong man. The forces of disorder have quite got out of hand down in the South since the old Government organization was cut into the melting-pot and the tales which reach me from all quarters are very dreadful. Death stalks through the land at all times, but to-day he is reaping a bigger harvest than usual, and mostly through the instrumentality of informers or men bent on private revenge.

But I have given enough space to these gloomy topics. Is not Christmas here? Of course it is, so the following comes in appropriate. Little Tommy—"I was awake when Santa Claus came, dad." Father—"Were you? And what was he like, eh?" Little Tommy—"Oh, I couldn't see him—he was dark, you know. But when he bumped himself on the waistband he said—"Father (quickly)—"Where, that'll do, Tommy. Get on with your mince-pie."

And of course it was due to the merry festive season that the husband arrived home much later than usual. "I'm sorry," he took off his boots and stole into the bedroom; but, vain precaution, his wife began to stir. Quickly the panic-stricken man went to the cradle of his first-born and began to rock it vigorously. "What are you doing there, Robert?" queried his wife. "I've been sitting here for nearly two hours trying to get this baby asleep," he growled. "Why, Robert, I've got him here in bed with me," said the spouse.

Devotees of that noble animal, yelpet or race-pony, are already gathering these early mornings at the Happy Valley to discuss hot coffee and mildly disparage each other's mares. It is mighty odd down there, I believe, but I have never turned up myself at that hour—for I believe in the world being well aired before I move abroad—I can not vouch for the state of the thermometer. But it must be conducive to health and the making of self-denying resolutions this early rising, so I will recommend it to all my young and ardent friends. Horse racing is one of the oldest sports under the sun. Have you not heard the story of a meeting of learned and aristocratic in London, Berlin, or somewhere, who were greatly puzzled. They had evolved a complete key to some cuneiform inscriptions, and had read all of the tablets except one. It baffled all their efforts. At this juncture an ordinary looking man appeared and offered to try to decipher the tablet. "Oh, of any help, they begged him to try it. "Why, its simple enough," said he. "It's an account of a chariot-race and reads like this—"As they came into the home-street, Bardasapius, the Scordian, began to close up the gap between himself and Ashur-go-like-sin who is in the lead. In front of the grand stand Bardasapius passed his opponent and won the race by a neck." The wise man turned to the decipherer and said—"You are the ablest man among us. Where did you amass your knowledge of Assyriology?" "Oh," said the man, "I don't know anything about such things, but I have always made a practice of reading the racing intelligence, so anything like this is simply pie for me."

WEDDING.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at the Union Church this morning, when the Rev. C. H. Hickling joined in holy matrimony Mr. Edwin Banfield Cubey and Miss Emily Edith Coombes, who arrived in the Colony by the English mail boat on Thursday. The bride was attended by Miss Macdonald as bridesmaid and was given away by Mr. H. W. Blackwell, Mr. Thomas Fuller being "best man." Subsequent to the ceremony a reception was held at the Manor, Kennedy Road, and later Mr. and Mrs. Cubey left for Macao with the good wishes of their numerous friends.

COLONIAL OFFICE
DESPATCHES.

The *Hongkong Government Gazette* publishes two despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Right Hon. Mr. L. Harcourt.

The first states that the War Office has had under consideration the question whether commissions in the Special Reserve or the Territorial Force can be held by gentlemen belonging to the permanent Civil Service of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates, and that the Army Council has now decided that commissions in the Special Reserve will no longer be given to gentlemen permanently employed in civil capacities in the Crown Colonies and Protectorates; and that officers of the Special Reserve who are at present holding, or who may in future accept, such permanent civil appointments will be called upon to resign their commissions. The despatch further states that there is no necessity for an officer of the Territorial Force who has been seconded to resign his commission until he shall have reached the limit of the period (four years) during which he may be seconded from the Force. The Army Council have further intimated that officers will no longer be permitted to retire under the provisions of Article 510 of the Royal Warrant if they intend to take up permanent civil appointments in British Colonies or Protectorates. It is not meant, however, that the rule as to resignation of their commissions in the Special Reserve should have retrospective effect as regards officers who retired under the Article mentioned and who are now employed under Colonial Governments.

The second despatch states that His Majesty has been pleased to direct that the precedence in His Majesty's Colonies of all persons holding office therein, whether naval, military or civil, should be determined solely by official rank and that, as in the case of officials in the service of a Dominion or Colony, Imperial and naval officers should while on duty at a colonial station waive any personal precedence they may enjoy in the United Kingdom. It is also, says the despatch, His Majesty's pleasure that the wives of all officers, whether civil or naval or military, even though they may enjoy precedence in the United Kingdom by right of birth, should, while in any part of His Majesty's Overseas Dominions, take their place according to the official precedence of their husbands. While these rules will be of general application, it will of course always be open to the Sovereign, whenever he thinks fit, to give special orders as to precedence in any particular case.

THE SIEGE OF CALAIS.

A very fine film was exhibited at the Victoria Theatre on Friday night, for the first time, entitled "The Siege of Calais." The theme of the play is the besieging of Calais in 1347, by Edward III. Life and colour are in every scene, each of which is in itself a work of beauty and forms an admirable instructive chapter of history. More actors take part in this film than in any other similar pictures and nothing approaching the wonderful spectacles of medieval wars has hitherto been attempted. It is a really wonderful film and will only be shown a few days.

NEW MOTOR BOAT.

A neat little motor boat to the order of Captain C. A. James has just been turned out by Messrs W. S. Bailey and Co. Kowloon. The boat is 30 feet long, is fitted with a 15 H. P. Thornycroft motor. She has attained a speed of 8 1/2 knots.

A CURIOUS DOCUMENT.

A claim of \$105 for money lent came before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this morning, when *Kaka Singh* sued C. Bornob.

Mr. R. C. Barlow appeared for plaintiff and said that he did not quite understand the case. There was a curious document which purported to be a note for \$105. He did not quite know what the actual amount was as the figures were 154. According to his client's story plaintiff lent \$105 and there was a verbal arrangement as to interest. Plaintiff could not read the note and when he got it explained to him he found that it was not what he thought it was.

"What is the date of the note," asked his Lordship.

Plaintiff—The 15th of last month. "Why have you brought the action so quickly?—Because when he gave me the promissory note I put it in my pocket and went away. When I discovered it was not a proper promissory note I went to defendant and asked him to make out another note and he said he would do so later. Who wrote this out?—Defendant himself. I told him the matter was very urgent and that he must do so now."

Defendant's story was that he borrowed \$50 from another Indian and paid him interest thereon at the rate of \$5 a month. When he had a judgment against him in another action he told this Indian he could not pay just then and gave a promissory note to pay \$5 each month. He had never seen plaintiff before that.

"This is an extraordinary way of writing," said his Lordship.

Witness replied that he copied a paper produced by plaintiff's witness.

His Lordship said that he could not believe defendant nor yet could he altogether believe all plaintiff had said. He must however give judgment for plaintiff with a stay of execution until Wednesday.

THE POLICE BALL.

Once a year as many members of the Hongkong Police Force as can reasonably be spared hold a convivial evening on the occasion of the annual police ball which has now become to be regarded as an institution in Hongkong.

Certainly the ball last night at the City Hall lacked nothing of the welcome, enthusiasm and hospitality of its forerunners for everything passed off most harmoniously. This was due in no small measure to the experienced organizers whose assiduousness in arranging for the comfort of the guests was well evidenced. The artistically arranged decorations were on a elaborate scale.

The company present numbered about 300 and a most enjoyable time was spent. Dancing took place in St. George's Hall while supper was laid in St. Andrew's Hall. Chief Inspector Baker was the chairman of the entertainment; the various sub-committees comprising the following:—M. C. Messrs R. C. Watt, W. Stuart, and A. Pattison; card room, Messrs J. Ogg and Cockle; bar, Messrs Atwell, Clarke and Cockle. The decorations were in the hands of the general committee. Mr. J. F. Lee, who discharged the arduous duties of secretary was in no small measure responsible for the success of the ball and it was largely due to his energy and experience that everything was so admirably arranged.

The band of the K. O. Y. L. L. supplied the music in their usual efficient manner. The programme of dances was as follows:—Waltz, The Dollar Princess; Quadrilles, Sang Wann, Yeleia, Macot; Barn Dance, Happy Dances; Lancers, Our Miss Gibbs; Military two step, Dill Simmons; La Rinka, La Rinka; D'Albarts, Medley; Waltz, September; Circassian Circle, Soldiers of the Queen; Polka, Whistling Taffus; Caledonian; Scotch Airs; Valse; Active; Boston two step, Indians; Eightsome Reel, Fanny Dance; Military two step, Hobnobles; Waltz, Encanto; Lancers, Waltz; Schottische, Freilicht; Sir Roger de Coverley, Sir Roger de Coverley.

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RIOTING AT DUNDEE. POLICE STONED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

There was more rioting at Dundee at eleven o'clock last night. The mounted police repeatedly charged a mob, numbering about a thousand, assembled opposite the railway station. The police were received with a shower of stones and four constables had to be conveyed to hospital. A number of civilians were injured also.

A NATIONAL AFFAIR.

London, Dec. 23.
The position at Dundee is most serious. The shipping companies have conferred and refused to agree to a compromise, holding that as the matter had now assumed a national character there was no ground for negotiation.

TROUBLE AT MANCHESTER.

London, Dec. 23.

The paving trade employers decided yesterday afternoon to recommend a lock-out for Wednesday next. No less than 100,000 workers will be affected.

THE N.Y.K.

Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
A general strike among the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's seamen and stokers is feared. The men strongly demand an increase of wages.

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR HANKOW.

Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
It has been decided to despatch a detachment of Japanese soldiers to Hankow in order to replace the Naval Brigade on duty there.

FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Reuter's correspondent at Teheran wires that there has been serious fighting at Teheran between the Russian and Persian troops. The Governor's palace was bombarded, but the result is unknown. Conflicts have also taken place between the Russians and the Constitutionalists at Enzeli and Reht, the police headquarters at the latter place being seized by the Russians. The cause of the conflicts is unknown.

PERSIA GIVES IN.

London, Dec. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that the Persian Charge d'Affaires has called at the Foreign Office and notified M. Sazanov of Persia's acceptance of all the demands of the Russian ultimatum. Reuter's Teheran correspondent cables that official notices have been posted ordering the people to abstain from holding political meetings except with police sanction, as the question of the Russian ultimatum is being amicably settled.

NEW BISHOP OF UGANDA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Archdeacon Willis of Kaverondo, has been appointed Bishop of Uganda and returns to Uganda in the course of the next few weeks.

ENOUGH OF BAD PLAYS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Mr. G. A. Bedford, the censor of plays, has resigned. In an interview Mr. Bedford remarked that seventeen years of reading bad plays was enough for any man.

It is expected that he will be succeeded by the dramatist Mr. Charles Brookfield, whose appointment as assistant censor recently was much criticized.

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TURCO-ITALIAN WAR. ITALIANS FIERCELY ATTACKED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Reuter's Rome correspondent states that there was severe fighting at Derna on the 15th inst. The Turks twice attacked the Italians who were constructing defence works, and the latter, who lost three killed and 24 wounded, had to be repeatedly reinforced before they drove off the Turks.

TURKISH STEAMER SEIZED.

London, Dec. 23.

The Italian warship Puglia has seized in the Red Sea the steamer Menzaleh, which was bound for Hodeida with £30,000 on board.

THE TURNING OF THE TIDE.

Conservatives Joy.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

The Conservative newspapers are triumphant over the victory in Ayrshire, and term it a "Christmas gift to Lloyd George." They declare that the Government has received notice to quit. The Liberals admit that the Insurance Bill is temporarily unpopular, but are confident that the benefits of the Act will be universally admitted once it comes into operation.

RETURNS TO THE FOLD.

Later.

Mr. T. Gibson Bowles has returned to the Conservative fold. He says in the present crisis the Conservative differences sink into insignificance, and he and his friends to support the Conservatives.

LIBERAL MAJORITY ENDORSED.

London, Dec. 23.

The bye-election at Govan has resulted as follows:—
Mr. Holmes (L.) ... 7,508
Mr. G. Balfour (U.) ... 6,522

Liberal majority ... 986

[Note.—At the last General Election the figures were:—Holmes (L.), 8,400; Balfour (U.), 6,389; majority, 2,010.—En. C.M.]

GERMAN COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Herr Solf, formerly Governor of Samoa, has been officially appointed Secretary of State for the German Colonies.

H.M.S. LONDON IN A GALE.

Two Lives Lost.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

During the recent great gale the battleship London was undergoing speed trials off Ushant when she was swept by the sea and two of the crew drowned. Commander Forbes was also injured. Afterwards two of the bluejackets were seriously injured as the result of a steam pipe bursting.

ACTRESS'S GRAVE OPENED.

Jewels Stolen Therefrom.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that robbers have opened the grave of Madame Lantelm, a favourite actress, and stolen jewels from her body to the value of £20,000.

MR. MCKENNA'S LETTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 22.

Mr. McKenna states that his reply to Lord Charles Balfour's attack is incorrectly reported and was published entirely without authority.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.

It is worse than useful to take any medicine internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

REVIEWS.

"Had and Perseus"—Ave, by GEORGE MOORE. London, Mr. William Heinemann.

Mr. George Moore has evidently arrived at the conclusion that the time is ripe for his autobiography, so he has set down to the task, and the first of the three volumes is now to hand under the caption of "Ave," in preparation are "Salve" and "Tale." Mr. George Moore, as all readers of "Evelyn Innes" or of "Evelyn Innes" know full well, is a very worthy one. Curiously enough this is a fault which he has to find with a good many of his fellow-countrymen: that they use five words where one should suffice. And that is precisely the feeling the reader finds creeping over him as he follows Mr. Moore in his descriptions of his life in London and in Ireland during that terribly anxious time when the Irish Literary Theatre came to birth. He had a good deal to do with it, we gather; for more than Mr. Yeats or Lady Gregory, though he did not know a word of Irish and could not understand a peasant from Connemara if he spoke in the language of the countryside. Nevertheless, though Mr. Moore is terribly discursive, he gives us some excellent matter at times, especially when describing such incidents as his trip to Bayreuth. But we would not be able to control his pen a little and remember that a book of this kind is not a work of art, but a record of life, and that it is not the duty of the writer to make it so.

The "Secret Garden" by FRANK HODGSON BURNETT. London, Mr. Wm. Heinemann.

Anyone in search of a gift for girls this Christmas-tide could not do better than purchase Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's new book "The Secret Garden." They will find it not only a delightful story, but the coloured illustrations by Mr. Charles Robinson fit the text to a nicety. The tale concerns a little neglected orphan girl of a sour, uncertain temper, sent home from India on the death of her parents. She is pitched without warning into a big country house on the Yorkshire coast, inhabited by a misanthrope. This gentleman is Mary's Uncle, whose whole career of life has been changed by the sudden death of his wife. England for a journey abroad and the little orphan is left to find her feet all by herself. Fortunately for her she is attended by a housemaid of a rather unusual type, an unpolluted girl of the moors, and so the experiment turns out more successful than it deserves. In the same house, by the way, lives a melancholy, sickly, peevish little boy, the misanthrope's only child, and it is only after Mary discovers him that her life fills out. For she has found a secret garden in the grounds of the old mansion and here, with the help of Dickon, a little twelve-year-old moorland lad, she works "magic" which transforms first herself and then Colin into two healthy, rational, untroubled English children. And the tale ends in a happy ending, as it should, for it is a story of life and hope and joy and love.

CCRC RESPONDENCE.

THE BUILDING ORDINANCE—A PROTEST.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Most important changes in the law of the Colony especially referring to Authorized Architects are being brought before the Legislative Council.

No opportunity whatever has been given us to study these changes, and we, in the name of the Authorized Architects of Hongkong, most emphatically protest against such arbitrary action.—We are Sir, Your obedient servants,

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Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1911.

HOW THE REVOLUTIONISTS WORK.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Two days ago the awful murder of Chung Ka Sam was perpetrated here by the members of that murderous society named the "Dare to Die." The Provisional Government never affected, nor tried to effect, the arrest of the murderers. The murdered man was the policeman who arrested the man named Wan Sang Choi who, with the greatest sangfroid assassinated the Tartar General Fu Chi. Since the declaration of the Republic, Chung succeeded from the force and lived quietly. Two days ago he was discovered by the above-named Society and was ripped open, his heart torn out and offered as a sacrifice at the grave of Wan Tang Choi. It is horrible that such atrocities should be practiced within a city which is now set up as the Government is supposed to defend the people from the tyranny of the Manchus. When they initiated a republican government here they desired to show mercy by setting free a number of the worst out-throats, and now they achieve at the murder of a man who simply did his duty. It makes one think that the release of prisoners and out-throats was not an act of mercy but of fear, observing that the Government was, and is, under the power of robbers and murderers. Since the establishment of the so-called Kwang Tung Republic, numberless crimes have been committed and all have gone unpunished.

The Revolutionists promised the people an Utopia before, and now they mean to give it to them by the sword. They mean to show the people that the Government is not a body of robbers and murderers do what they like, they have succeeded.

Yours faithfully,
JOSHUA BRAND.

Canton, 20th December, 1911.

With reference to the reprinting of the H. M. S. Empress of China, which had been on the rocks at Shihwan since July 27, the Japan Daily Mail says:—Perhaps no higher testimony could be paid to English shipbuilding than the fact that this vessel, after many years' service, should have lain on the rocks for five months, and yet, after being raised, and in a condition which will allow of her again being made seaworthy. The patience and skill of those responsible for the success of what many experts declared was a hopeless task are deserving high praise.

COMMERCIAL.

YANK.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kowall, in their report dated Dec. 22nd, state:—
Our last circular was issued on the 9th instant, per S.S. Asaya. The position of our market may be summed up in two words: business is non-existent, and there is no relief in sight yet. The Chinese dealers appear to have quite made up their minds that there can be no resumption of business until after China New Year, and not even then, unless the delegation now in conference in Shanghai arrives at a peaceful settlement.

The quotations we give must be taken to be absolutely nominal. Sales, a total of 500 bales for immediate delivery. Total sales, 500 bales. Unsold stock, 23,000 bales. Sold but undelivered in the godown, and to arrive, 13,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Devanah and extra str. Ichia, Persia, and Wakasa Maru from Bombay, and str. Lightening from Calcutta have brought in 4,835 bales for Hongkong and 1,500 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to coast ports, etc., amount to about 1,000 bales.

Local Mill.—Nil.

Shanghai.—Business is still at a dead lock, as far as cotton is concerned.

Japanese Yarn.—A sale of 100 bales No. 20 has been effected at \$114.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal. No sales have been reported during the fortnight. Chinese.—Sales of 200 (small) bales at \$40 to \$43, which shows a decline of \$3 to \$6 per picul. Stocks 170 bales Bengal, and 425 (small) bales Chinese. Quotations:—Bengal, \$31 to \$33; Chinese at \$31 to \$35 per picul.

SPORTING.

Christmas Cricket.

H. K. C. V. UNITED SERVICES.
For this annual two days' fixture, the following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Cricket Club against the United Services:—A. C. E. Elborough, R. E. O. Bird, T. E. Pearce, H. Hancock, R. O. Hutchins, A. P. Dushwood, A. E. Fowler, M. A. Mase, R. P. Thurstfield, D. E. Donnelly and A. R. Sutherland.

Play to commence on Monday the 25th at 2.15 p.m., and on Tuesday the 26th inst. at 10 a.m. Tiffin to be obtained at the Pavilion on the 25th inst. at 1 o'clock.

Training Notes.

As is always the case at the commencement of the Training Season, Saturday morning is the time when the new ponies are put to a gallop, and are given an opportunity of showing their form. So it was that this morning a number of griffins, mostly subs., were sent over short distances. Some, of course, show up better than the bunch.—Mr. Ellis Kadourie, Mr. Squires, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Stewart and Mr. S. R. Michael have all got good looking beasts—but it is impossible as yet to guess what any one can really do as most are still suffering from weakness, sickness or one of the early faults.

CONCERT AT THE SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

A free concert, which promises to be good, has been arranged to be given at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on Tuesday evening next, commencing at a quarter past eight. The following is the programme:—

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Mrs. G. L. Platt.
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Mr. J. G. GAZDAR.
5.—Song "Melisande in the Wood."
Mr. C. E. STAINER.
6.—Song "Songs of Araby."
Dr. A. R. SCHOFIELD, R.N.
7.—Humorous Song "The Village Blacksmith."
Mr. STOKER KING.
PART II.
8.—Cornet Solo "The Star of Bethlehem."
Mr. J. O. GAZDAR.
9.—Song "Down the Vale."
Mrs. C. E. STAINER.
10.—Humorous Song "Ginger."
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11.—Song "Son of Mine."
Dr. A. R. SCHOFIELD.
12.—Song "The Magic Month of May."
Mrs. G. L. PLATT.
13.—Seri-o Comic Sketch "The Collaborators."
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A COMING ATTRACTION.

Hongkong is gradually breaking itself into the long series of winter amusements ahead, and from all accounts we are this season to be more highly favoured than usual. Another attraction of the light theatrical order is announced for a short stay of two days beginning with the 28th inst.—namely, the London Musical and Comedy Company, which is to be presented by Mr. W. Ronald Crooke. Everywhere the Company has appeared the audiences have been delighted with the original and art performance given. The Englishman (Colonial) gives an account of the Grand Opera House being crowded at one of the evenings given by the clever combination, stating that the performances comprise a fine variety of song, dance, mimicry and recitation of a refined and unique character. The firm to present also speak very highly of the show. The Straits Times remarks that originality is a strong factor in the programme. One of the singing is particularly good. The Company has a fine reputation, and, above all, can be relied upon to give complete changes of programme each night.

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A King of Vagabonds, by Beth Ellis.
Follygully, by Edgar Johnson.
The Fruitful Vine, by Robert Hichens.
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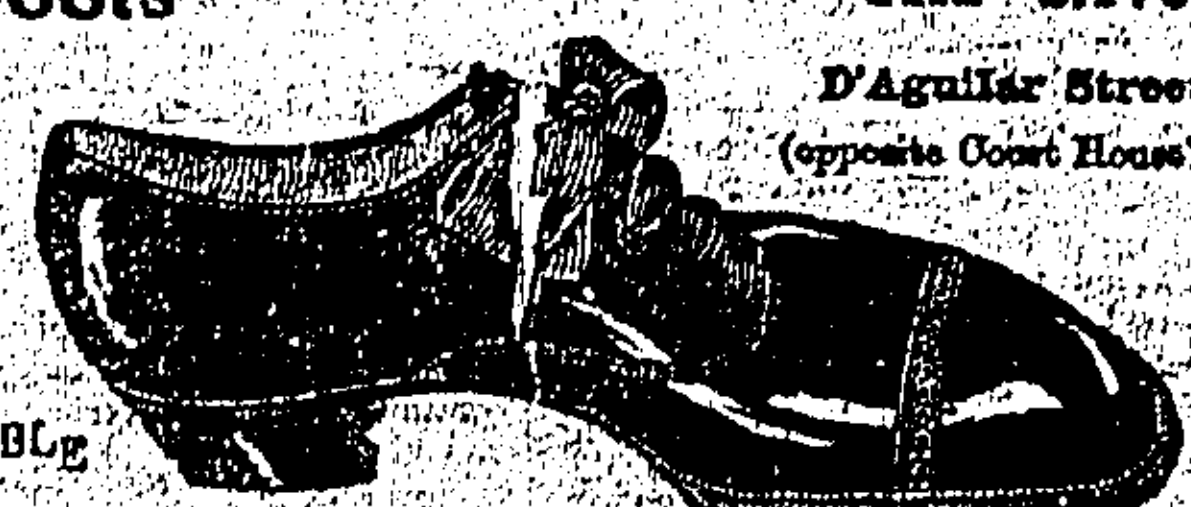
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